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SENATORS FAVOR THE PROJECT.

Congress Will be Asked to Grant a Cable Charter.

BANKER BISHOP IS INTERESTED.

Pacific Coast People Want to Control the Hawaiian Cable-Congress May Fass the Appropriation-A Complete Line to Anstralia Probable.

The long-discussed Hawaiian cable proposition will assume practical shape today, when the names of twenty gentlemen who will compose the board of directors of the Pacific Ocean Cable Company will be telegraphed to Washington, to be there inserted in the bill authorizing the incorporation of the company under the laws of the United States, says the Chronicle of the 6th inst. Ten of the incorporators are well-known merchants and business men of San

Briefly stated, the object of the proposed corporation is to lay a submarine cable connecting San Francisco with Honolulu, Tahiti and the South Pacific islands, Asia and Australia. It is proposed to connect with the South Is proposed to connect with Is propo Briefly stated, the object of the pro-French cable at New Caledonia, which stretches to Australia, and thus make a complete line from this city by way of Honolulu to the anti-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- It is probtroduced simultaneously in both houses of Congress a bill to grant a charter to the International Pacific Cable Company for the construction of a telegraphic cable between the United States and Japan by way of Honolulu. Senator Perkins of California will introduce the bill in the able that tomorrow there will be infornia will introduce the bill in the Senate and Representative Charles Wilson of Pennsylvania in the House.

Admiral Irwin is the moving spirit in the matter. Others who will probably be named as incorporators are C. R. Bishop of Honolulu, General Dimond is also largely interested, as well as Hugh Craig of San Francisco, William Alvord, president of the Bank of California, Louis Parrott, George W. MeNear, as well as H. F. Allen, another San Francisco banker, and Herman Oelrichs, the late Senator

Fair's son-in-law.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The bills to charter the International Pacific Cable Company were not introduced in either branch of Congress today, for the reason that it is expected that the Senate will tomorrow vote on the pro-position for a route for an American cable to Hawaii.

Senator Perkins said this evening that the bill would probably be withheld from either branch of Congress until it is ascertained what may be done with the proposition now pending before the Senate. He said, however that averathing readings ever, that everything was in readiness and waiting the favorable opportunity fornia coast from a schooner.

Washington, Feb. 6.-The Hawaiian question in general and the Hathe item of \$500,000 for immediately beginning cable construction between the United States and Hawaii. Mills of Texas made a point of order against the cable proposition which is likely to rule it out, but the decision was withheld until the Senators could further debate Hawaii. Hale addressed the Senate in favor of cable dressed the Senate in favor of cable connection with Hawaii.

ful estimates made by cable experts. the grasp of the Japanese. route was about 2,100 miles. The estimates showed the cost to be about \$10,000 to \$12,000 per mile. This would make a total cost of \$2,500,000 or \$2,600,000 for the entire cable. Hale said the recent unfortunate events on the islands and the debates in Conand he considered the time opportune to commit the Government to the simple plan.

Allen suggested an amendment that the Hawaiian cable should always remain under Government ownership and control. Allen asked what difference there was between this proposition to construct and own a cable and Government ownership of a railroad.

Platt read from President Cleveland's message in 1886 urging the importance of close relations with Hawaii, and saying the importance of a cable should not be overlooked. In 1888 Mr. Cleveland again urged on Congress the desirability of establishing a submarine cable to Hawaii. similar action.

Butler asked if Hawaii was willing the United States should build the

Perkins said he happened to be able of influencing in favor of annexation. your attention."

to answer that question. He was just back from San Francisco. Before leaving he was called on by the Min-

ister of Foreign Affairs of the Hawai-ian Government, who urged the great desire of that Government that the United States should undertake the building of the cable, as Hawaii did not want Great Britain to control it. Perkins said this was the latest declaration as to the wishes of the Hawaiian

Government. The Hawaiian item was then laid aside until tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. - There is just an even chance that this Congress will pass an appropriation for begin-ning the construction of a telegraph cable to Honolulu. From the tenor of the debate in the Senate it is probable the debate in the Senate it is probable that body is favorable to this project and will be willing to appropriate \$500,000 in the diplomatic appropriation bill toward commencing it. The Vice-President may rule out this amendment on Senator Mill's point of order that a new project of this order is not garmane to a regular appropria-

of his remarks Perkins declared that Francisco, Portland, Humboldt and other towns on the Coast.

of his remarks Perkins declared that the United States needed a new and strong administrative policy, one by the Hawailan Government to those which would restore "old glory" to concerned in the recent rebellion who the seas. We were now paying \$100,- claim to be British subjects, or of any

Morgan supported the cable amendment. Referring to Mr. Willis' latest dispatch Morgan said it strikingly illustrated the need of speedy communication between the Hawaiian and the authorities here.

harbor in connection with her cable concessions, and the President of the United States had advised the granting of the concession. It was part of Great Britain's development of her sea power; part of her determination to control the Pacific; part of her plan to plant herself on Hawaii as the Gibraltar of the Pacific.

"It is vital that we act, and act at once?" said Marray impressively.

once," said Morgan impressively. "I would rather see every rule of this Senate broken than to have this amendment fail. Strong as the case of Hawaii was to us she would not much longer be kicked about the American Congress. She would at last reluctantly turn to Great Britain."

HOW WILCOX ESCAPED.

It Will be News to Him and Others Here.

escaped and was landed on the Cali-Francis Harden is credited with saying that he saw Wilcox, and was walian cable in particular were the main themes before the Senate today. The Diplomatic Consular Appropriation bill was taken up and would have been quickly disposed of except for the item of \$500,000 for immediately have been appropriately and the riangle saying that he saw which, and was a saying that he saw which, and was in his company for a day. Continuing said: "Bob is here, but I wouldn't tell you where he is even if I were permitted to do so. He is wanted in Honolulu, and there may be grounds

China Knocked Out.

Postal Conference. Hobarttown, Tasmania, Feb. 4.-At a meeting of the Inter-Colonial postal conference held yesterday a resolution was adopted reaffirming plicating conditions, the state of gress emphasized the need of a cable, the desirability of a four weekly affairs at the Islands is critical, as in service from Vancouver, alternating with San Francisco. The Pacific cable question was also discussed.

Death of an old Missionary.

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 7.-Rev. T. D. Wright, who was a Presbyterian missionary at Honolulu in 1843 and who held pastorates in this state and Michigan, died at his home in Whiteboro today. He was born in Wright, who was a Presbyterian Rochester in 1910.

Thurston Denies a Rumor.

Washington, Jan. 26.-Minister President Harrison had recommended Thurston denied positively today that the Hawaiian Government was selling bonds in this country at 25 cents on the dollar for the purpose that the announcement had attracted

Minister Hatch Writes To Minister Willis Concerning Them.

ANOTHER EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

Minister Thurston Wrote That the State of Affairs Was Critical and Suggested That a War Vessel Be Sent To Protect American Interests-Gresham's Reply

Vice-President may rule out this amendment on Senator Mill's point of order that a new project of this order is not germane to a regular appropriation bill, but as the majority of Senators seem to favor the cable project they could, with some shadow of excuse, successfully appeal from his decision, contending that it is not a new project, but had its inception in 1891, when Congress, by ordering the Navy Department to take deep-sea soundings between Monterey Bay and Honolulu, practically began the cable.

Washington, Feb. 4.—In the Hawaiian correspondence submitted to the House today Secretary Gresham states that the department had no information in regard to arms having been furnished by British subjects to persons in rebellion against the Government of the Hawaiian Islands, but in a telegram from the United States Minister at Honolulu, dated January 11th, forwarded by way of San Francisco, Mr. Willis says: "Arms are reported to have been brought from Vancouver by the Norma."

The department has no information in regard to any intervention by the representatives of Great British

in regard to any intervention by the waii to give him assurance that no capital punishment will be inflicted upon the insurrectionists, there being

fifteen Englishmen under arrest, which requested assurance the Government had refused to give.

Under date of Honolulu, November 10th, Minister Willis transmitted to Secretary Gresham the following note of the same date from Minister Hatch, the Hawaiian Minister of Foreign Affairs, adding that when he received it

he had telegraphed the Secretary the facts briefly: "Department of Foreign Affairs, Honolulu, November 10th. - Sir: Information has just been received at this office tending to show that a filibustering expedition against this Government is being fitted out in San Francisco and that one of the following steam vessels, the Rosalia or the Alexandria, will be used for the purpose. The information points more strongly to the latter. I desire to ask the good offices of your Government to prevent the shipment of arms on these

vessels for such purpose.

F. M. Hatch."

"On the 19th inst. the Hawaiian
Charge d'Affaires called on the department at my invitation, and in reply to an inquiry said he had no information that arms had been or were to be shipped from San Francisco for use against the Government of Hamedian waii."

Following this correspondence with Willis there was an exchange of notes between Secretary Gresham and Mr. Thurston, the Minister here, which is A late San Francisco Call states Thurston, the Minister here, which is interesting mainly because of the insinuation by the latter that the presence of an American warship at Honolulu would be acceptable. Thurston wrote January 20th:

"Sir:—I have the honor to inform you that I have received from my Government telegraphic communications stating that the insurrection in Honolulu is broken; that several of the leaders and the remaining follow that Robert Wilcox, now at the reef,

the leaders and the remaining followto give him. A man of-war at Hono-lulu has been recently the subject of discussion in the press and elsewhere. It does not lie within my province to HOLLISTER & CO.,

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"The annexation of Hawaii is sure to come, cable or no cable," said Hale. The Senator spoke of the efforts of Great Britain to build the Hawaiian cable, and said we should not permit a foreign power to get this advantage. West and Palmer asked the cost of the entire cable. Hale said he had care-entire cable. Hale said he had care-entire cable. Hale said he had care-ful estimates made by cable experts.

London, Feb. 7.—A cablegram from Wei Hai Wei, dated today, says the Chinese fleet has practically ceased to exist. The ironclad Chen Yuen and her sister ship, the Ting Yuen, have been sunk, and the other vessels of the Chinese fleet are within the grasp of the Japanese.

It does not lie within my province to Suggest any course of action on the Part of the United States concerning and her sister ship, the Ting Yuen, have been sunk, and the other vessels of the Chinese fleet are within the grasp of the Japanese. is, and will continue in the future as it has in the past, fully able to maintain itself from the attacks from domestic enemies, in view of the serious nature of the charges now pending against a large number of both foreigners and natives, and of other comthe event of further insurrection or complication, although the Government will use every endeavor to protect foreign citizens and their prop-erty, it is not impossible that sudden contingencies may arise or isolated acts of violence take place, against which the Government, with its po-

morning on the subject of the uprising, which was immediately given to the press, a warship was at once or-dered to proceed from San Francisco to Honolulu to afford needed protec-tion to any Americans entitled to it. That fact was also announced by the press Saturday afternoon and this morning, and I naturally supposed